

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 4, 13, 14, 16, and 17 were canceled and claims 1, 5, 6, 15, 18, and 27 were amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

The examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, 13-16, 18, 20-23 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Win et al, U.S. Patent 6,161,139 (hereinafter Win). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With regard to claims 1, 13-14, 18 and 27, the Office Action states:

As per claims 1, 13-14, 18 and 27, Win taught the invention as claimed for managing resources in a computer network, comprising: ... attaching network resources to a client computer based on the user identity and the contents of the user configuration file (col. 5, lines 56-62; col. 7, lines 39-41; col. 11, lines 29-44; col. 13, lines 59-60; col. 23, lines 35-37).¹

The independent claims have now been amended to recite that the computer is running under UNIX and that the resource attachment program is running on the client computer. Representative Claim 1 now recites,

1. (Currently amended) A method for managing resources in a computer network, comprising:
 - defining the contents of a configuration file for each network user;
 - receiving a login identification from a user on a given computer that uses a given operating system, wherein said given operating system requires that attachment of resources to said given computer be performed on said given computer;
 - matching the user identity with said user configuration file; and
 - in response to said matching step, executing a resource attachment program on said given computer to attach network resources to said given computer based on the user identity and the contents of said user configuration file.

It is submitted that, as stated in the application as filed, the disclosed invention is designed to work under UNIX or a similar operating system. UNIX and its variations require that the administrative job of attaching a resource to a client computer must be performed on the client computer itself and cannot be done from a central location. The claims have been modified to recite these distinctions. It is submitted that Win et al. does

¹ Office Action of 4/8/04, page 3

not appear to utilize UNIX, nor does it disclose a resource attachment program running on the client computer. Thus, it is submitted that this rejection is overcome.

Furthermore, Win does not teach, suggest, or give any incentive to make the needed changes to reach the presently claimed invention. Win is apparently not dealing with an operating system that has the constraint that resources must be allocated at the client computer and so does not discuss the problem. In systems where resources can be granted from a central source, there is not need for a resource attachment program to run on the client computers.

35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

Additionally, (a) Claims 5 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Win in view of Dircks et al. (U.S. Patent 6,061,795); (b) Claims 10-11, 24-25, and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Win in view of Hudson et al. (U.S. Patent 6,055,637); and (c) Claims 12, 17, and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Win in view of Bauer et al., U.S. Patent (5,819,047). These rejections are traversed. It is submitted that all of the claims in these three rejections are dependent on the claims previously discussed. All independent claims have been amended to incorporate matter that distinguishes over the art cited against them. The allowability of the independent claims is inherited by their dependent claims.

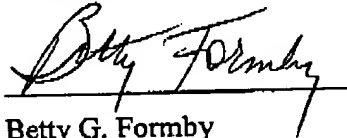
Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over any combination of Win, Dircks, Hudson, and Bauer and is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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